



The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events
For York County Extension Volunteers

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Calendar of Future Events

See Calendar on the last page for Current Events

July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
July 13, 6:30 pm	4-H Mums meeting, 1801 Wolftrap Road
July 16, 10:00 am	Fescue Lawn Renovation Clinic, Halles Run, Tabb
July 23, 12:00 pm	HearSay Radio Gardening Show, WHRV 89.5 FM
July 28, 9:30 am	Peninsula Master Gardener Training meeting
August 1 – 5	York County Jr. 4-H Camp, Jamestown 4-H Center

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact Jody at 890-4940, or Byrdie Hawley at 898-6175 or E-mail dabhawley@cox.net (Put Green Thumb in the subject line). The deadline for the Green Thumb is ALWAYS the 15th of the month, no exception.

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify Jody. Jody will pass the word. We want to keep in contact with you. These changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

Thursdays Work/Learn Day in the Learning Garden 9:30 – 11:30 a.m:

The first Thursday of each month we start with a planning meeting in the Environmental Services Building and then are in the garden, time permitting.

Plant Sale Report: More than \$4,228 was raised at the May 7th Plant Sale! Thanks to everyone who helped and donated plants.

Master Gardener Mission Statement

Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.

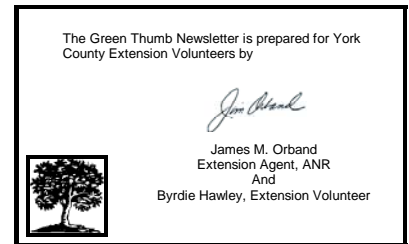
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Notes from Jim

Pruning Clinics to Learning Garden Plant Sales, 4-H Mowing Safety to 4-H Chrysanthemum Growing, Junior Master Gardeners at three schools, and more, it has been a whirlwind of activity, but also a plethora of learning through our programs. I remember Tim Smith, program guest at Arbor Day and 4-H All Star, said to me that "I would not be where I am today if it were not for 4-H". I listen to homeowners tell me how they implemented our recommendations or they have become pesticide free. Students participating in the vegetable gardening project ate salads that they grew themselves. These are the impacts that we are seeking and we are effectively changing behaviors. All of the programs could not be accomplished without your commitments to the program.



The Library is getting a face lift. Janet has been incorporating more books into the library. She has taken the reference books and put them onto a separate shelf for reference use only. Please return any materials to the office that are not in use. This will help us to inventory our supplies. If you check-out materials, please be sure to write it down on the check-out log in the back of the Master Gardener Desk Reference Book.

Be sure to listen to "Gardening Hearsay" on June 23, 12:00–1:00 pm on WHRO – 89.5.

SUMMER SOCIAL

You've worked hard all spring and now is the time to spend a couple of hours with other MGs just socializing. Our Summer Social is scheduled: June 4th, Waterman's Museum Carriage House overlooking the York River, 10:30-12:00. Coffee, juice, cinnamon rolls and muffins will be provided. You are encouraged to bring a fruit salad or baked good to share (something that will keep in the car if you stroll around after the social). The cost will be \$2/family. Spouses and children are welcome to attend! After our social, you may want to visit the Waterman's Museum and gift shop, explore the newly opened Riverwalk Landing, hit the beach along the York River, or stroll through Historic Yorktown. We are getting the Carriage House at no cost, so I encourage all of you to visit the Museum and shop and tell them how much we appreciate them supporting MGs!

Remember:

June 4th, 10:30 – 12:00

Waterman's Museum Carriage House

\$2/family

Sign up and drop your \$2 off at the office with Jody

Questions? Call Terry Hanson 872-9639 or Rebecca Cho 565-7050

Horticultural Therapy Notes: Needed items: Plastic bottle caps, floral foam (can be used), wire, tape, etc. The next session will be **June 28, 2005 at 10:15 AM** at **York Convalescent Center**. Bring clipper or scissors and some greenery from your garden. Contact Brenda Bradshaw to volunteer: 898-4733 or email C.Bradshaw@att.net. **Brenda Bradshaw**

Spring Study Trip – June 20-22, 2005

Schedule (Mostly set but some details may change):

8:00AM, Monday, June 20 Leave the Extension Office. Try to carpool so fewer cars will be left in the parking lot.

First Stop: **Maymont**, 2201 Shields Lake Drive, Richmond, VA 23220, of special interest there - the new Japanese garden.

Lunch Somewhere on the way

Early afternoon **Amphill Plantation**, 501 Amphill Rd., Cartersville, VA 23027. Dr. Dave Bankes will be with us and he has strongly suggested that we tour the house as well as the gardens. There is a charge for the tour but we do not have the cost at this point. If you don't know anything about Amphill Plantation, please Google it, looks wonderful with GREAT history.

Night Motel in Lynchburg

Tuesday, June 21 Don Davis, the extension agent in Lynchburg, is arranging tours of **private gardens** in his area.

Tue night Motel in Staunton

Wed, June 22 **Boxerwood Gardens**, 963 Ross Rd. Lexington, VA 24450 (Google)

Buffalo Springs Herb Gardens in Raphine

Springdale Gardens in Greenville

Lunch will be thrown in here somewhere

Earlene Chapman's home garden, outside of New Hope

Last but not least **Andre Viette's in Fishersville**.

You are welcome to attend only part of this tour. Contact me to arrange the details.

Happy Gardening,

Eleanor Hill, 868-8646

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On-Site Plant Health Clinics: Thanks to all the MG volunteers who helped make this spring's Plant Health Clinics interesting and such a success!

Brenda Bradshaw
Jim Eagle
Karen Ward
Kathi Hebert

Larry Riddick
Norma Jackson
Agnes Evans
Joanne Andrews

We received numerous compliments on our program and on our knowledgeable Master Gardeners. Many thanks to our Jim Orband for all his hard work and for leading all the clinics. And finally, thank you, Jody, for all your behind the scenes work, especially on enhancing the web site and the clinic agendas. **Rebecca Cho**

Learning Through Visits

York County Master Gardeners Study of Landscape Design

June 8, Wed., 9:30-11:30am Hank and Leslie Vicellio's enclosed garden in Yorktown
Jim Orband's ferns and more
June 15, Wed., 9:30-11:30am Helen Janele's garden in Running Man – Don't let the cats out!

Go to the Master Gardener site on the Extension Website www.yorkcounty.gov/vce , or contact the Extension office for directions to these gardens and come learn some advanced principles of landscape design. **Teresa Bennett**

2005 CNU Garden Symposium: Thank you, MG volunteers, for your time and assistance at this year's symposium. Even though the weather was chilly and breezy, our participation contributed to make a warm and helpful environment. All the participants congratulated us for a job well done. I have been told that this event was truly a success. Thanks again, **Marna Brumback**

4-H Chrysanthemum Project 2005: The Chrysanthemum Growing Project is off to a great start. 15 youth are enrolled and each student potted up 20 virus free mum cuttings. The youth have detailed information on growing, fertilizing and caring for their mums. On June 1 at 6:30 pm, at the YC General Service Building, we will teach plant propagation for the 4-H Mum project. Bernice Little is our instructor for this program. Bernice has many year of experience in this area. Please contact Rene' Kauder at 868-9606 or rbkauder@cox.net for more information. Thanks! **Rene' Kauder**

Advanced Lawn Team Training: The Lawn Team is in for a treat. Dr. Michael Goatley, Extension Specialist, Turf at Virginia Tech will present the Advanced Training on June 9. Dr. Goatley will discuss establishment and maintenance of turf type tall fescues. Call Tom Doggins if you have questions or want to attend. **Tom Doggins**

The spring issue of *In Season* is now available on the web at:
<http://www.hort.vt.edu/mastergardener/newsletter.htm>.

There is detailed information about Master Gardener College in this issue.

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May 29	30	31	June 1 6:30 pm, 4-H Mum Project, Propagation	June 2	June 3	June 4 9:00 am, Jr. 4-H Camp Counselor Training 10:30am, MG Social – Waterman's Museum
5	6	7	8 9:30-11:30 am, Landscape Series, Vicellio/ Orband gardens	9 9:00 am-noon, Advanced Lawn Clinic, St. Joan of Arc	10 9:00-3:00, Latecomers Pesticide Recert., Norfolk	11
12	13 JMG Awards Ceremony Coventry	14 9:30-11:30 Monthly Planning Meeting – Bring Food Closet Donations	15 9:30-11:30 am, Landscape Series, Helen Janele's 2:00 pm, CNU Gardening Symp. meeting	16	17 9:30-11:30 am, Lawn Practice Session, Buckingham Pl, (Hank Scheele's)	18
19	20 <i>Spring Study Trip</i>	21 <i>Spring Study Trip</i> MG College	22 <i>Spring Study Trip</i> MG College	23 12:00-1:00, WHRO-89.5 "GARDENING HEARSAY" MG College	24 MG College	25 MG College
26 MG College	27	28 10:15, Hort Therapy – York Convalescent Center	29 9:30-11:30 am, Lawn Practice Session, Michael Pl, (Harry Haley's)	30	31	July 1